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DAVID JAYNE HILL, ASS'T.
SECRETARY OF STATEWASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Dr. D. J. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State,
is spoken of as the probable successor
to David C. Gilman, President of Johns
Hopkins University, Baltimore. He is understood to be the choice of the trust-
tees of the University. Dr. Hill, who was the orator and chief guest at the Uni-
versity's Washington birthday celebration, refuses to discuss the matter. He was
formerly president of the University of Rochester.THE CUBANS
WANT TO KNOWA Committee May Ask the Presi-
dent Some Leading
Questions.NEW YORK, April 1.—A special to
the Tribune from Washington says:
It is believed in administration circles
that within a day or two the Cuban
constitutional convention will appoint
a special committee to come to Wash-
ington for the purpose of consulting
the President and Cabinet about mod-
ifying some of the provisions of the
Platt amendment. Though the con-
vention at Havana has been discussing
the advisability of this movement for
about a week, it was not until yester-
day that official information on the
subject reached Washington. If the
visit is made by the Cubans it will
have to be done within the next two
weeks. The President and Cabinet will
leave Washington on April 28th for the
Pacific Coast, and will be away six
weeks. It is thought that the Cuban
visitors would want at least a week
or ten days in which to exchange
views with the President and his ad-
visers, so if they desire to take up the
subject before the summer is well ad-
vanced they will have to come here
by the middle of the month.If the Cubans ask for the elimination
from the Platt amendment of the pro-
visions for naval stations and the
right of this country to intervene for
the preservation of peace and order
they will be disappointed, because the
administration has neither the author-
ity nor the disposition thus to modify
the act of Congress defining what
ought to be the relations between
Cuba and the United States. It is be-
lieved, however, that the visit of the
Cubans would be productive of much
good in an educational way. They
could obtain from President McKinley
and others competent to speak for the
government, assurances of this coun-
try's benevolent aims toward Cuba,
and official guarantee that neither in
spirit nor intent does the Platt amend-
ment contain anything that should be
construed as a veiled purpose to es-
tablish a protectorate over Cuba in the
meaning of that word in the interna-
tional code. With these assurances
and guarantees the Cubans could re-
turn home and calm whatever fear
may exist among their people on this
score, even if they should not be able
to put a stop to the political agitation
being stirred up by the professional
politicians who have personal ends to
serve.At the same time it is thought to be
possible to subvert the same object
through another device, which may
make unnecessary the visit to Wash-
ington by a committee of the consti-
tutional convention. Considerable lit-
erature for publication in Cuban news-
papers has been sent to the island in
the last few days by high officials at
Washington. This literature deals
frankly with the subject, and inter-
prets seriatim the provisions of the
Platt amendment. When this litera-
ture has been disseminated in Spanish
among all classes of Cubans, it is con-
fidently believed that it will have such
a quieting effect that the convention
at Havana can with safety to the po-
litical future of its members, ratify the
Platt amendment. Still, no objection
is urged in Washington against the
proposed visit of the Cuban committee,
and if the convention decides on this
course, as now seems probable, Gov-
ernor General Wood may be instructed
to place an army transport at the ser-
vice of the committee selected, and the
visitors will be treated with marked
official courtesy when they arrive here.

Over a Billion.

TRENTON, N. J., April 1.—The United
States steel corporation this afternoon
filed with the Secretary of State ar-
ticles amending its charter and increas-
ing its capital stock to \$1,100,000,000. The
State's fee for the filing of the papers
was \$20,000. The original articles filed
some time ago were only amended in one
particular. This amendment was made
for the purpose of taking advantage of
an Act passed by the recent Legislature.
Originally the corporation could not
mortgage or pledge its real property or
any of the stock of any other company,
except by the affirmative vote of the
owners of two-thirds of the capital
stock. Under the amended charter, it is
necessary to have only the affirmative
vote of two-thirds of the stock repre-
sented in person or by proxy at any
meeting of the corporation. The reason
for the change is the fear that the stock
will become so scattered that it will be
impossible to get two-thirds of the en-
tire stock represented at a meeting.HOW THE TARIFF
AIDS INDUSTRYIt Now Compels a Big Sheffield
Plant to Move to United
States.NEW YORK, April 1.—S. J. Robin-
son, managing director of W. Jessop
& Sons, Ltd., of Brightside works,
Sheffield, England, arrived here on the
Cunarder Lucania for the purpose of
determining as to the location of a
plant which the English concern pur-
poses erecting in the United States.
The Jessop Company, which is capi-
talized at \$2,000,000, operates one of the
oldest established industrial plants in
Europe, it being founded as far back
as 1774. It manufactures crucible steel
chiefly. The Sheffield works under-
take a number of large contracts for
the British government, and give em-
ployment to 1,650 hands.In an interview, last night, Mr. Robin-
son said:
"We are going to build a plant on
this side principally with a view to
escape the tariff of some \$50 a ton,
which the United States government
imposes on crucible steel entering this
country. Having works here will en-
able us to extend our important busi-
ness connections in America. While
it is somewhat premature to state
what particular additional new lines
we intend to enter into the manufac-
ture of, I will say that we shall make
a feature of the steel specialties which
the Dingley tariff precludes us from
manufacturing in England and ship-
ping into the United States."
"Another reason for our present step
is that we now labor under a distinct
disadvantage on the other side owing
to the high price of fuel. On last
year's business we had to declare a re-
duced dividend on that score, notwith-
standing our books having shown the
largest turnover in the history of the
company.""As to the precise location of the
plant, I am not yet in a position to
say anything definite, but it may be
taken for granted that our new works
will be in the vicinity of Pittsburgh.
W. F. Wagner, our general agent in
the United States, and myself, leave
for that city within the next few days
for the purpose of going into the ques-
tion of a suitable site."Mr. Robinson thinks but lightly of
the idea of any serious competition
arising from American exports of coal
into Great Britain. He says that fuel
prices on the other side must soon fall.
"It must be remembered," he contin-
ued, "that two years ago coal was sell-
ing at 100 per cent lower than existing
quotations. Moreover, the railroad
freight rates from seaboard to British
industrial centers would, I think, con-
siderably tend to kill the possibilities
of American coal in England. While
I do not share the intensely gloomy
view which some persons indulge in as
regards present and future business
conditions in Great Britain, I cannot
but admit that things look serious and
would not be at all surprised to learn
that many of the iron and steel plants
on the other side are now executing
orders at a loss."Mr. Robinson will be in this coun-
try about three weeks, and is to visit
a number of industrial plants. The
projected Jessop works will be equip-
ped with the most modern American
machinery. On beginning operations a
working force of 500 men is to be en-
listed.

Situation in Brazil.

NEW YORK, April 1.—A dispatch to
the Herald from Rio de Janeiro says:
The Government has sent a communi-
cation to the Legations in Europe and
the United States saying there is no dan-
ger of Brazilian institutions being over-
thrown by the monarchist conspiracy.
The Minister of the Navy has appoint-
ed a medical commission to inquire into
the physical condition of Admiral Mello
and to ascertain if it is true that on the
ground of health the Admiral cannot
safely be sent to Amazonia, where the
Government has ordered him to be sent.
Admiral Mello is detained on Cobras Is-
land.

Nine Hours for Machinists.

NEW YORK, April 1.—George H. War-
ner, business agent of the New York
district of the International Association
of Machinists, reported at a meeting of
the Central Federated Union last night
that mass meetings will be held all over
the United States, Mexico and Canada
to prepare for the 9-hour demand of the
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